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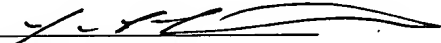


For the Examiner's convenience Applicant also encloses a copy of the initial IDS submitted at the time of filing the above-noted application.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the references submitted during the examination of the above-identified application, making the references of record, and to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form to the below-signed agent.

It is also requested that the Examiner note that documents appointing Ogilvy Renault (Customer No. 032292) as the agents of record were filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office via facsimile on May 6, 2003. Copies of documents filed at that time are enclosed herewith.

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